(d) Department of Telecom have issued guidelines for the optimum utilisation of telephone exchange capacity. As per the instructions for large exchanges 60% of the rated subscriber connectable capacity should be utilised on the day of commissioning of the exchange. Further utilisation to 92% of the exchange capacity should be achieved within six months of the commissioning of the exchange.

Income Tax paid by Nationalised Banks

*88. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nationalised banks are up-to-date in paying income tax ;

(b) if so, the details of income assessed, tax demanded and tax paid by each of the 20 Nationalised Banks, Associate Banks and SBI during the preceding three financial years ; and

(c) the reasons for defaults, if any, and the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Detailed information has been furnished in the annexure [*see* Appendix 172, annexure No. 21].

(c) In many cases the assessed demand may be under litigation. However, Commissioners of Income Tax have been asked by the Board to collect undisputed arrears of tax.

मध्य प्रदेश में पुराने टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों का आधुनिकीकरण

*89. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के कितने पुराने टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों के पुनर्स्थापन और आधुनिकीकरण की आवश्यकता है,

(ख) जून 1991 से आज तक की अवधि के दौरान कितने इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंजों को चालू किया गया है; और

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराई गई है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में ऐसे 25 पुराने टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज हैं जिनकी पुनर्संरचना और आधुनिकीकरण करने की जरूरत है।

(ख) जुलाई 1991 से अब तक 1858 इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज चालू किये जा चुके हैं।

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान 16,255 गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान की जा चुकी है।

Income Tax Notice to Banks

*90. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK MITRA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Apex Bank has taken notice of the Income Tax Department's notices to banks involved in 1992 Security Scam for supply of details of recoveries made of certain amounts not reflected in the income of the banks concerned ; and

(b) if so, whether the banks have supplied relevant information to the Income Tax Deaprtment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is reffering to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in part (a) of the question. The Reserve Bank of India is aware that the Income Tax Department have issued notices seeking certain details from some banks regarding expenses and losses for the computation of total income but not in respect of any recoveries as reffered to in the question. The income tax assessments for the assessment year 1992-93 are in progress and the banks are reportedly furnishing the information sought for by the Income Tax Department.

Financial Assistance to Gujarat

*91. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHAN SINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal for financial assistance from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation and the National Housing Bank to improve the condition of hospitals in that State during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance provided by Government so far; and

(d) if no assistance has been provided, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Housing and Urban Development Corporation and National Housing Bank have reported that they have not received any proposal for financial assistance from the Government of Gujarat to improve the condition of hospitals in that State during the current year.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have stated that 'Health' being a State subject, no assistance is provided by that Ministry to the Government of Gujarat to improve the condition of hospitals in the State.

Telecommunications Panchasheel Scheme

*92. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a scheme known as 'Telecommunications Panchasheel';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the M. Ps Local Area Development Fund can be used for the purpose of any item in this scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Communications.

(b) to (d) In view of reply at (a) above, questions do not arise.

Power Situation in Orissa

*93. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for power in Orissa has outstripped its availability;